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## BRAZIL.

*Sanitary report from Rio.*RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, *February 28, 1898.*

Owing to the death of Dr. Cleary, your consul-general has intrusted me with the work hitherto performed by the deceased, and I beg herewith to assure you that I will do my best to justify the confidence thus bestowed on me.

I avail myself of this opportunity to inclose the usual statistical report of epidemic diseases. The last report of Dr. Cleary was dated the 8th of January and mine embraces the time from the 8th of January to the 18th of February.

I have made arrangements with the director of the statistical department of the board of health to supply me with the necessary information for my reports.

I beg to remark that the declared number of fatal cases is generally correct, but that the number of new cases of yellow fever and other epidemic cases can not be taken as exact. In spite of the existing rules, the practicing physicians often omit to communicate to the health authorities new cases which may occur amongst their patients, and consequently the official report is considerably below the reality, and we have to resort to private means to ascertain the actual facts as accurately as possible.

*Whooping cough.*—During the last week, I have had occasion to observe a good many cases of whooping cough, but although this sickness is considered as infectious in most countries, the physicians here are not bound to communicate the same to the authorities as they are obliged to do with yellow fever, diphtheria, etc. The fatal cases due to this disease are registered under the sickness resulting from whooping cough, such as bronchopneumonia and capillary bronchitis.

*Yellow fever.*—As was the case during the first three months of last year, when only 98 fatal cases were registered, yellow fever has in this season not spread to any great extent. From Santos and Sao Paulo also only sporadic cases are reported. Curiously enough, a rather strong epidemic has made its appearance in the city of Sao Carlos de Pinhal, in the interior of the state of Sao Paulo, but so far I have no certain information as to how the epidemic has been introduced there, nor about the extent of same.

Since last report, the following-named ships have been inspected and received bills of health from this office: January 11, bark *D. Pedro II*, American, for Baltimore; barkentine *White Wings*, American, for Baltimore. January 12, steamship *Biela*, British, for New York; steamship *Taormina*, German, for New York. January 13, steamship *Endeavour*, British, for New Orleans; steamship *Asiatic Prince*, British, for New York; bark *Osberga*, British, for Sandy Hook, N. Y. January 14, bark *Victoria*, Norwegian, for Apalachicola, Fla. January 15, steamship *Galileo*, Belgian, for New York; bark *Prince Regent*, Norwegian, for Sapelo Sound; bark *Ruthero*, German, for New Orleans. January 17, steamship *Concordia*, French, for New Orleans. January 18, bark *Loreto*, Italian, for Pensacola, Fla. January 19, bark *Assyria*, Norwegian, for Mobile, Ala.; schooner *Oceano*, Portuguese, for New Orleans. January 21, steamship *City of Columbia*, American, for Seattle, Wash.; bark *Tenny*, Norwegian, for Sapelo, Ga.; steamship *New England*, American, for Vancouver. January 24, steamship *Velleda*, British,\*

for Brunswick, Ga.; steamship *Amalfi*, German, for New York; January 26, bark *Visurgis*, German, for Pensacola, Fla.; steamship *Couning*, British, for New York. January 29, bark, *Mary*, Norwegian, for Apalachicola. January 31, steamship *Castilian Prince*, British, for New York. February 1, steamship *Phidias*, British, for New Orleans. February 3, schooner *Emma*, Austrian, for Sabine Pass, Ga. February 4, steamship *Manitoba*, British, for New York; bark *Baltimore*, American, for Baltimore. February 5, steamship *Wordsworth*, Belgian, for New York. February 8, steamer *Porthera*, Norwegian, for Mobile, Ala. February 11, steamship *Sirius*, British, for New York; bark *Glad Tidings*, American, for Baltimore; bark *Arcadia*, Norwegian, for Ship Island. February 12, steamship *Aste*, German, for New York; steamer *Lauriston*, British, for Portland, Oreg. February 19, bark *Prince Victor*, Norwegian, for Ship Island; bark *Prince Louis*, Norwegian, for Sapelo Sound; bark *Priscilla*, American, for Baltimore. February 21, bark *Margaret Mitchell*, British, for Barbados, West Indies; steamship *Kaffir Prince*, British, for New York; steamship *Strabo*, British, for New York; bark *Formosa*, British, for New York. February 26, steamship *Salerno*, German, for New York; bark *Grace Symwood*, American, for Philadelphia. February 28, steamship *Olbers*, Belgian, for New York; bark *Alida*, Norwegian, for Philadelphia.

I take the liberty to hand you some of my publications on different medical topics, and should be glad if same would be of some interest to you.

Respectfully, yours,  
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#### CUBA.

##### *Smallpox and yellow fever in Cuban seaports.*

March 23: The United States consul at Cardenas reports that during the week ended March 19, there was in that city no death from yellow fever and no death from smallpox.

March 21: The United States consul at Cienfuegos reports that during the week ended March 20, there were in that city no deaths from yellow fever and 3 deaths from smallpox.

March 18: The United States consul at Matanzas reports that during the week ended March 16, there were in that city no deaths from smallpox and no deaths from yellow fever.

March 25: The sanitary inspector at Habana reports that during the two weeks ended March 24, there were 2 deaths from yellow fever and 24 deaths from smallpox.

March 25: The sanitary inspector at Habana reports that during the two weeks ended March 24, there was in the city of Regla 1 death from yellow fever and 1 death from smallpox.

March 21: The United States consul at Sagua la Grande reports that during the week ended March 19 there were in that city 89 cases of smallpox and 5 deaths therefrom, and several cases of yellow fever, concerning which it is impossible to obtain correct statistics.